A) Amendments:

1. (previously amended): A handheld computer mouse system comprising at least one mechanical mouse button and having at least one touch pad, wherein said at least one touch pad is integrated into a cavity opening formed in said at least one mechanical mouse button, said handheld computer mouse system further comprising a handheld mouse system housing for supporting said at least one mechanical mouse button, said mechanical mouse button being movably mounted within said mouse system housing and capable of independent movement relative to said mouse system housing to invoke a highlighting mode without physical movement of said mouse system housing.

2. (previously amended) The handheld computer mouse system of claim 1, wherein said at least one mechanical mouse button is a press button.

3. (previously amended) The handheld computer mouse system of claim 1, wherein said at least one mechanical mouse button is a press and lock button.

4. (previously amended) The handheld computer mouse system of claim 1, wherein said at least one mechanical mouse button is a sliding panel button.

5. (previously amended) The handheld computer mouse system of claim 1, wherein said mechanical mouse button has at least one finger pressing device formed thereon for application of pressure for causing movement of said at least one mechanical mouse button relative to said mouse system housing.

6. (currently amended) An auxiliary computer mouse, wherein said auxiliary computer mouse comprises a computer mouse housing supporting at least one mechanical mouse button, and at least one touch pad integrated into a cavity opening formed in said at least one mechanical mouse button, said mechanical mouse button being movably mounted within said mouse housing and capable of independent movement relative to said mouse housing to invoke a highlighting mode without physical movement of said mouse housing.

7. (previously amended) The auxiliary computer mouse of claim 6, wherein said at least one mechanical mouse button is a press button.

8. (previously amended) The auxiliary computer mouse of claim 6, wherein said at least one mechanical mouse button is a press and lock button.

9. (previously amended) The auxiliary computer mouse of claim 6, wherein said at least one mechanical mouse button is a sliding panel button.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (currently amended) The auxiliary computer mouse of claim 6, wherein said at least one mechanical mouse button having said at least one touch pad is integrated into a cavity opening formed in a sidewall of said auxiliary computer mouse housing.

12. (previously amended) The auxiliary computer mouse of claim 6, wherein said computer mouse housing is separate from a central processing unit housing and separate from a keyboard housing.

13. (Cancelled).

14. (Cancelled).

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Cancelled).

17. (Cancelled).

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Cancelled).

20. (Cancelled).

21. (Previously amended) The handheld computer mouse system of claim 4, wherein said sliding panel button is capable of being displaced forward, backward, sideways, or diagonally from an initial position.

22. (Previously amended) The handheld computer mouse system of claim 3, wherein said press and lock button is provided with a means for allowing said press and lock button to pivot.

23. (Previously amended) The auxiliary computer mouse of claim 6, wherein said computer mouse housing is an auxiliary computer keyboard housing.

24. (Previously amended) The handheld computer mouse system of claim 1, wherein said handheld computer mouse system manipulates and relocates a screen cursor without physical movement or repositioning of said handheld mouse system housing.

25. (Previously amended) The handheld computer mouse system of claim 1, wherein at least one wall forming said cavity opening in said mechanical mouse button remains in a face-to-face relationship with at least one wall of the touch pad during manipulation of said at least one mechanical mouse button.

26. (Previously amended) The auxiliary computer mouse of claim 6, wherein said computer mouse functions to point and reposition a screen cursor without physical movement of said mouse housing.

27. (Previously amended) The handheld computer mouse system of claim 1, wherein said computer mouse system functions to point and reposition a screen cursor without physical movement of said mechanical mouse button.

28. (Previously amended) The handheld computer mouse system of claim 1, wherein said at least one mechanical mouse button and said at least one touch pad are adapted to move together in a desired direction relative to said computer mouse system housing.

29. (Previously amended) The handheld computer mouse system of claim 1, wherein said mechanical mouse button with said touch pad comprises a backlit area that is illuminated during said highlighting mode.

30. (currently amended) The auxiliary computer mouse of claim 6, wherein said at least one mechanical mouse button is integrated into a cavity opening formed in a top wall of said auxiliary computer mouse housing ~~and said at least one touch pad is integrated into a sidewall of said auxiliary computer mouse housing and adapted to be manipulated with a thumb of a user~~.

31. (cancelled).

32. (currently amended) The auxiliary computer mouse of claim 6, wherein said computer mouse housing is a keyboard housing and is separate from a central processing unit housing.

33. (Previously amended) The handheld computer mouse system of claim 1, wherein at least one wall forming said cavity opening in said mechanical mouse button is in a face-to-face relationship with at least one wall of the touch pad.

34. (Previously amended) The handheld computer mouse system of claim 1, wherein at least one wall of said at least one touch pad extends into said cavity opening.